IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P.R.RAMAN

THURSDAY, THE 18TH JANUARY 2007 / 28TH PAUSHA 1928

WP(C).No. 2154 of 2007(F)

PETITIONER:

K.G. PURUSHOTHAMAN, AGED 77 YEARS,
S/O. LATE GOVINDAN, KACHIYIL PUTHENVEEDU,
CHARAMMOODU, ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.C.C.THOMAS

RESPONDENTS:
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1. THE ASST. ENGINEER,
ELECTRICAL SECTION, KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD
FORT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, VAIDHYUTHI BHAVANAM,
PATTOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY SRI.JOSE J.MATHEIKEL, SC, KSEB

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 18/01/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

P.R.RAMAN, J.

W.P.(C) NO. 2154 OF 2007

Dated this the 18th day of January, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner is challenging Exhibit P3 demand contending that the petitioner had been paying the electricity charges regularly as assessed and there was no reason for a fresh notice being issued for the period during which he has been paying electricity charges regularly.

2. The learned standing counsel appearing on behalf of the Electricity Board submitted that this is a case where the multiplication factor was wrongly applied while issuing the earlier bill which was detected by the APTS and thereafter Exhibit P3 has been issued applying correct multiplication factor. He also submitted that petitioner has already preferred Exhibit P4 objection and that is pending consideration.

3. The limited prayer made by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner is for a direction to the first respondent to dispose of the objection raised by him contained in Exhibit P4 before coercive steps are taken pursuant to Exhibit P3 demand.

4. After hearing both sides, there will be a direction that Exhibit P4 shall be considered and disposed of by the first respondent expeditiously at any rate within a period of three weeks. Till then coercive steps including disconnection pursuant to Exhibit P3 for non payment shall not be taken.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

P.R.RAMAN, JUDGE

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